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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

125TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 161, L.D. 569, Bill, "An Act To Support and Encourage the Use of Online Textbooks"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §254, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

13. Technical assistance; professional development and training for instruction in digital literacy; clearinghouse for information on use of online learning resources.
The commissioner shall develop a program of technical assistance, including professional development and training for instruction in digital literacy and the establishment of a clearinghouse for information on the use of online learning resources that may be made available to all school administrative units, including those schools that participate in the learning through technology program under section 15689-A, subsection 12-A, which provides one-to-one wireless computers for 7th grade, 8th grade and high school students and educators.

The technical assistance must include, but is not limited to:

A. A model for instruction that promotes digital literacy for students;

B. A clearinghouse for information on the use of online learning resources, including best practices in the use of open educational resources and open-source textbooks; and

C. Professional development and training for educators in the effective use of online learning resources, including open educational resources and open-source textbooks.

The program of technical assistance provided by the department may be used by those schools and educators who choose to provide instruction in digital literacy and who choose to use online learning resources, including best practices in the use of open educational resources and open-source textbooks. The program of technical assistance provided by the department must be available to all school administrative units in the State and posted on the department's publicly accessible website.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 569

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An Act To Support and Encourage the Use of Online Textbooks

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S 186

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes the Digital Literacy Fund within the Department of Education and includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2011-12 to establish base allocations in the event that funding is provided to support the program of technical assistance that designs instructional materials that promote digital literacy as well as the development of a clearinghouse for information on the use of online learning resources.